

CAP-MR/DD Update 11-5-08

TRANSITION TO HOME SUPPORTS

As indicated in Implementation Bulletin #50: In an effort to allow and support participants and families to make the transition to the new Home Supports definition, DHHS has decided to allow those participants and families, who are experiencing difficulties with the transition to Home Supports, the opportunity to continue to receive/provide services as indicated in the authorized Plan of Care in effect prior to October 31, 2008, for up to 60 days or until January 1, 2009. This additional time for transition will allow DHHS time to consider the feedback and implications of the components of the Home Supports definition and determine if there are solutions to support flexibility while maintaining the financial integrity of the Home Supports definition and the federal requirements of the waivers. The following is intended to provide guidance related to how to move forward with the Transition to Home Supports:

Any participant/family, that is **NOT** experiencing difficulties with the transition to Home Supports and chooses to, may move forward with the transition based on the approved Plan of Care or Revision completed to be implemented 11-1-08.

In the case of participants who choose to continue to receive/provide services as indicated in the authorized Plan of Care, in effective *prior to 10-31-08 (prior to the implementation of the new Comprehensive Waiver)*, and a Plan of Care Revision to add Home Supports **has been submitted OR approved** by Value Options, a Plan of Care Revision will need to be completed to reflect this change, effective November 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. **These revisions must be submitted to Value Option by 11-14-08 to be effective 11-1-08. Revisions MUST be FAXED to Value Option at 919-461-0679!** Revisions received after 11-14-08 will be effective the date received by Value Options. While we understand that this additional work is burdensome, it is critical for all involved to have documentation to support any/ all changes with Plan(s) of Care.

Uniform Person Centered Plan Format Implementation Schedule Change

In an effort to support the system to have adequate time to secure information and to gain mastery in the use of the uniform Person Centered Planning Format, the implementation of the format has been changed from January 1, 2009 to March 1, 2009 for CAP-MR/DD. This effects the requirement to implement the use of the Risk Identification Tool (Risk Assessment), which is also being changed to March 1, 2009 to be consistent with the uniform Person Centered Plan format.